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SUBJ: NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS

1. ISRAELI PRESS JULY 9 CARRIES REPORTS EMANATING FROM WASHINGTON THAT EGYPT HAS TAKEN NEW POSITION ON NEXT STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS, DEMANDING THAT ISRAEL ENTER INTO TALKS WITH JORDAN BEFORE SECOND STAGE WITH EGYPT COULD TAKE PLACE.

2. ACCORDING TO HAARETZ WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MARGALIT, EGYPT HAS TOLD DEPARTMENT THAT NEXT STEP OF NEGOTIATIONS MUST SATISFY GOJ AND ALSO PROVIDE ARRANGEMENT RE PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION; ACCEPTABLE TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS. MARGALIT CHARACTERIZES PURPORTED

NEW GOE POSITION AS A "SURPRISING HARDENING" OF ITS STAND, STATING THAT GOE WILL NOT AGREE TO ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS UNDER SECRETARY'S MEDIATION OR PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA CONFERENCE UNLESS THESE CONDITIONS ARE MET. ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT US WANTS TO
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ENCOURAGE ISRAEL TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN INSTEAD OF

WITH EGYPT AND THAT EGYPTIAN ANNOUNCEMENT HELPS THIS PURPOSE.
ZIMUKI (YEDIOT AHARONOT) ALSO MENTIONS UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
RE NEW EGYPTIAN POSITION.

3. ACCORDING TO RADIO ISRAEL 3 PM LOCAL TIME NEWS, INFORMATION
MINISTER YARIV HAS DENIED THAT GOI KNOWS OF ANY NEW EGYPTIAN POSITION
ON ISSUE OF NEXT NEGOTIATING STAGE.

4. PRESS ALSO GIVES PROMINENT COVERAGE TO REPORTS THAT CABINET WILL
DISCUSS ISSUE OF PALESTINIANS AND POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS
WITH JORDAN IN PREPARATION FOR ALLON'S VISIT TO US LATER THIS MONTH.
ESHED (DAVAR) STRESSES, HOWEVER, THAT GOI HAS NO INTENTION AT PRESENT
OF FORMULATING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN.
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